

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's counsel in discussing, in several telephone conferences, the previous Office Actions issued in the application.

Applicant requests the Examiner to change the correspondence address in the application to:

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The telephone and fax numbers of Applicant's counsel remain the same.

This Response is being filed within six months of the Office Action outstanding, dated April 11, 2005. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, no additional claim fee is required. Enclosed herewith is the fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the fee for a three month time extension to extend the time to respond to October 11, 2005, the mailing date of this response.

By this Response claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 12-15 and 17-21 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, 6 and 16 have been canceled. Claims 1, 12, 18 and 21 are in independent form.

Applicant herein submits a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) of the application. Applicant requests

that this amendment, dated October 11, 2005, be entered in the application. Applicant hereby also requests non-entry of the amendment submitted to the Patent Office on June 10, 2005.

By this Response Applicant has amended each independent claim in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a "first pulley assembly positioned completely within said first hollow interior" of said vertical support member. Claim 12 has been amended to recite "a pulley system positioned completely within said interior cavity" of said vertical support member. Claim 18 has been amended to recite "said vertical translation means positioned completely within said hollow interior cavity" of said vertical support means. Claim 21 has been amended to recite "first and second pulley assemblies positioned within both an interior cavity of one of said pair of vertical supports and one of said pair of said horizontal supports."

Support for the claim amendments is shown in figure 3A as filed, which shows the pulley assembly, including pulley cable 122 and pulley wheel 136, extending through hollow interior cavity 94 of vertical support 12, and through horizontal support 16, which extends into hollow interior cavity 94 of vertical support 12.

The references previously cited by the Examiner do not teach or suggest a pulley assembly that is contained completely within the hollow interior cavity of a vertical support or within both the hollow interior cavity of a vertical support and a horizontal support. Accordingly, Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the same.

Conclusion

All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this response, a call to Applicant's counsel, Ms. Ingrid M. McTaggart at (503) 230-7934, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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